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FOLLOWING TEL, JOHANNESBURG 1492 DATED JUNE 13, 1977, AND
SENT CAPE TOWN IMMEDIATE AND PRETORIA ROUTINE, BEING REPEATED
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1. THE CITIZEN, JOHANNESBURG, MONDAY JUNE 13, IN ITS FEATURE
EDITORIAL ENTITLED QUOTE HANDS OFF SOUTH AFRICA END QUOTE
STATES AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE
THE CITIZEN TODAY BEGINS A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON AMERICA'S
SECRET WAR AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.
IT IS A WAR WHICH IS BEING WAGED ON THREE FRONTS - IN THE
UNITED STATES ITSELF, WHERE OPINION IS BEING WHIPPED UP AGAINST
THIS COUNTRY; IN INTERNATIONAL CAPITALS, WHERE AMERICAN EMBASSIES
ARE PRESSURING FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO REDUCE OR END INVESTMENT
IN THE REPUBLIC; AND IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF, WHERE THE AMERICANS
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ARE BACKING BLACK MILITANTS WHO ARE SEEKING TO OVERTHROW THE
WHITE REGIME.

IT IS A CYNICAL AND CALCULATED CAMPAIGN TO DESTROY THIS COUNTRY'S
WHITES, NOT BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNEEL BEFORE THE AMERICAN GOD
OF HUMAN RIGHTS BUT BECAUSE THE AMERICANS HAVE DECIDED THAT THE
WHITES ARE GOING TO LOSE AND UNCLE SAM MUST BE ON, AND HELP,
THE WINNING SIDE.

THIS EXPLAINS THE TREMENDOUS PRESSURE WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PUTTING ON SOUTH AFRICA TO ACCEPT ONE MAN, ONE VOTE MAJORITY RULE.

ON THE SURFACE, THE US APPEARS TO BE BACKTRACKING A LITTLE NOW. THE WHISPER GOING AROUND IS THAT ONE MAN, ONE VOTE IS NOT WHAT THE UNITED STATES REALLY WANTS. IT IS SAID THAT WHILE IN VIENNA VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE WAS EITHER TALKING OF ONE MAN, ONE VOTE IN THAT KIND OF FOOT-IN-MOUTH, ONE PERSONALISED DIPLO-MATIC GAUCHERIES SO WELL EXEMPLIFIED BY HIS COLLEAGUE, ANDY YOUNG OR HAD BEEN MISQUOTED.

BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL DENIAL OF MR MONDALE'S REPORTED REMARKS.

PRESIDENT CARTER HIMSELF NOW SAYS THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT WANT TO OVERTHROW THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, BUT DOES WANT TO SEE AN END TO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

" WE FEEL THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE SOME EQUALITY OF HIRING PRACTICES, EQUALITY OF PAY FOR THE SAME KIND OF WORK DONE, PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLACK CITIZENS AND AN END TO THE HIGHLY DISCRIMINATORY PASS SYTEM THAT EXISTS".

IF THAT WERE, THE EXTENT OF MR CARTER'S DEMANDS, THERE WOULD BE NO QUARREL. BUT THE ACTIONS OF THE US GOVERNMENT - AND TO A LESSER EXTENT THOSE OF ITS PREDECESSORS - SUGGEST THAT THE US IS DETERMINED TO HAND OVER SOUTH AFRICA TO THE BLACKS AND IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.

IT IS A DISGRACE THAT THE LEADER OF THE WEST, A SUPERPOWER, SHOULD MOUNT SUCH A VICIOUS AND SECRET WAR AGAINST A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE SOUTH AFRICA WHICH, FOR ALL ITS FAULTS, IS A WEST-UNCLASSIFIED

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ERN DEMOCRACY STRIVING TO FIND JUST SOLUTIONS TO ITS MANY PROBLEMS. WE HOPE OUR ARTICLES WILL ALERT SOUTH AFRICANS TO THE DESPICABLE CAMPAIGN BEING WAGED AGAINST THEM.

WE ALSO HOPE THE SERIES WILL ALERT AMERICANS TO THE WAY IN WHICH THEIR GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO UNDERMINE AND DESTROY A SMALL NATION IN PURSUIT OF A POLICY IN AFRICA WHICH, IN THE END, CAN ONLY WEAKEN AMERICA'S POSITION IN THIS CONTINENT AND HAND OVER THE WHOLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO THE MARXISTS.

WE SAY TO THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION:

"HANDS OFF SOUTH AFRICA"

IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THIS ADVICE, YOU WILL PLUNGE NOT JUST SOUTH AFRICA BUT HALF OF THE CONTINENT INTO A CONFLICT OF SUCH DIRE DIMENSIONS THAT THE REGION WILL BE REDUCED TO ASHES UNQUOTE. KIRBY UNQUOTE BOWDLER

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